

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 2353-02
BILL NO.: HB 1607
SUBJECT: Insurance - Medical; Health Care Professionals
TYPE: Original
DATE: March 3, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
All funds	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services**, the **Department of Conservation**, the **Department of Transportation**, and the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan (HCP) officials state the proposal would allow members to access participating obstetricians or gynecologists without a referral from a primary care physician (PCP). HCP states the more "open" the access to providers the higher the premium associated with the product. As evident in the HCP plans the open access plans are considerably more costly than those requiring a PCP referral to a specialist. HCP states that it is very difficult to accurately predict the cost associated with this proposal. However, even if HCP would predict a one to two percent impact, the state may experience an increase of \$1,563,975 to \$3,127,950 for the first year. The Public Entities may experience an increase of \$998,265 to \$1,996,530 for the first year.

Oversight notes that the proposal is a self-referral for a covered person to seek the services of a participating obstetrician or gynecologist without obtaining a referral from a primary care physician. **Oversight** assumes the proposal would have an unknown fiscal impact to all funds. **Oversight** does not have available information concerning health plans for local governments and has not estimated a fiscal impact for them.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
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ALL FUNDS

Costs - All Funds

Increase in state contributions	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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ESTIMATED EFFECT ON ALL FUNDS

<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
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LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

Costs - Local Political Subdivisions

Increased in local political subdivisions contributions	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would prohibit health carriers from requiring a covered person to obtain a referral from a primary care physician before seeking the services of a participating obstetrician or gynecologist. Services would be limited to those defined by the published recommendations of the accreditation council for graduate medical education for training an obstetrician or gynecologist. Health carriers could not charge additional fees for a covered person's direct access to a participating obstetrician or gynecologist unless those fees would be charged for other types of health care services within the carrier's network of providers.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Jarrett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeanne" being more prominent than the last name "Jarrett".

Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
March 3, 2000